

Governor's 2004-05 Budget and Executive Director's Plan for Achieving Reductions

2003-04 Budget:	\$6.5 million \$4.3 million in statutory funding (Propositions 9 and 208/34) \$2.2 million in Budget Act (non-statutory) appropriations
Proposed 2004-05:	\$5.5 million (\$990,000 reduction*) \$4.3 million in statutory funding \$1.2 million in Budget Act appropriations

The Chairman and I have met with nearly all of the budget subcommittee members in both houses, and continue to work to hold our overall reduction to \$500,000. However, in the event those efforts are not successful, we have provided layoff notices to six employees, and will realize savings from an additional five positions that will become vacant due to retirements or resignations.

How these reductions will be achieved:

Internally

- Eliminate major donor streamline program
- Eliminate telephone advice lines one day per week
- Shift some PRC resources to advice letter writing
- Eliminate toll-free advice number
- Eliminate broadcast of Commission meetings
- Officially eliminate informal advice letters

Externally

While not an ideal solution, executive staff is in agreement that the only way to handle the drastic reduction in funding proposed is to eliminate some of the mandates that necessitated that funding. Some areas we plan to present to the Legislature for suspension are:

- "Revolving door" and negotiating employment statutes
- Reduce quarterly lobbyist reporting to annual reporting
- Increase timeline for advice letters from 21 to 30 days
- Gift limit
- Honoraria ban
- Others staff may develop

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* Reflects \$809,00 reduction in January budget and an additional \$171,000 reduction in the form of a 3% cut being requested of all agencies.